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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Walter D. Griffin

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 July 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 21-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 38 and 40 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 21-37, 39 and 41 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 July 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 9/28/01, 3/4/02.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claim 24 is objected to because of the following informalities: In claim 24, line 2, the word "is" should be "in". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 21-37, 39, and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 21-37 and 41 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, because the expression "mixed catalyst" in step i) of claim 21 is not clear. It is unclear what constitutes a mixed catalyst.

Claim 27 is also indefinite because the expressions "the regenerated catalyst with coke content of less than 0.4 wt%", "the first stripper", "the second stripper", and "the common stripper" lack proper antecedent basis in claim 21.

Claim 28 is also indefinite because the expressions "strippers" and "the common regenerator" lack proper antecedent basis in claim 21.

Claim 31 is also indefinite because the expression "the unconverted heavy hydrocarbon fraction" lacks proper antecedent basis in claim 21.

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Claim 33 is also indefinite because the expression "the stripper" lacks proper antecedent basis in claim 21.

Claim 34 is also indefinite because the expression "the regenerated catalyst fed to the bottom of the second riser reactor" lacks proper antecedent basis in claim 21. There is no indication in claim 21 that the catalyst is fed to the bottom of the riser.

Claim 36 is also indefinite because the expression "the TCO" lacks proper antecedent basis in claim 21.

Claim 37 is also indefinite because the expression "the Total Cycle Oil" lacks proper antecedent basis in claim 21.

Claim 39 is indefinite because the expression "the separating device" lacks proper antecedent basis in claim 38.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 38 and 40 are allowed.

Claim 21 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Claims 22-37, 39, and 41 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:
The prior art of record does not disclose or suggest a process which includes the cracking of the fraction from the first reactor in a second reactor and also includes the recycling of the fraction

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from the second reactor at a vertically displaced position lower than the position of introduction of the main feed. Also, the prior art of record does not disclose or suggest an apparatus that includes means for performing these steps.

Conclusion

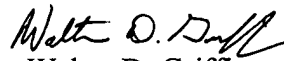
The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The prior art not relied upon discloses cracking processes.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Walter D. Griffin whose telephone number is (571) 272-1447. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 6:30 to 4:00 with alternate Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Caldarola can be reached on (571) 272-1444. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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